

# The Lord's Service

## May 10, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

### God Calls Us

*In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet God in worship.*

#### Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 95.1-7

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

#### Hymn of Adoration

*From All That Dwell below the Skies*

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.  
In every land begin the song;  
To every land the strains belong.  
In cheerful sound all voices raise  
And fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends your word.  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns rise and set no more.

## Invocation

Psalm 8.1

O LORD, Our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. We come this day to offer You worship and praise. We acknowledge Your son, our Savior, as Lord indeed. Grant us now Your blessing and presence, reveal Your Word, and bestow Your peace, that we may be witnesses of Your truth, reflectors of Your image and ambassadors of Your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, to Whom with You, O Father, and the Holy Spirit be all honor, glory, and blessing. Amen.

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 4.36-39

LEADER: Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. And because He loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

### Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

### Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveal this to us and points our heart towards confession.

*Seated or kneeling.*

### **Family Confession of Sin**

We sin in thought, word,  
and deed every week. Our  
prayer includes time  
for silent confession, but  
also confession as  
a family of individuals  
equally in need  
of God's grace.

### **Family Confession of Sin (in unison)**

**Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
Whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and Whose mercy we forget  
in the blindness of our hearts:  
cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts  
we may draw near to You,  
confessing our faults,  
confiding in Your grace,  
and finding in You our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

God's Holy Scripture  
reminds us not only of who  
we are as sinners, but also  
assures us of who we are as  
Christians united to Jesus in  
His death and resurrection.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 33.20-22**

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help  
and our shield. For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name. Let your  
steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we  
hope in you.”

## **God Consecrates Us**

### **Scripture Lesson**

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We hear Holy Scripture  
throughout our time in  
worship, but this  
lesson (reading),  
prepares us for  
the lesson of the sermon.

**Zechariah 8.1-8**

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## Prayer of the Church

### Adoration: (Psalm 92.8)

For God's wonder, His regal splendor, His majesty  
For His sovereign rule over the past, presence,  
and future  
For His infinite power, wisdom, holiness, justice,  
goodness, and truth

### Thanksgiving: (Psalm 92.1,2)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus  
For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially,  
spiritually)  
For our family, friends, church, community

### Intercession: (Psalm 116.1,2)

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the  
nations, revival  
For wisdom, skill, fortitude, courage for all in  
authority, healthcare workers, scientists, economic and  
business leaders  
For containment, reversal, deliverance from  
COVID -19  
For those of us who feel lonely, bereaved, sick, anxious  
For specific requests for others, ourselves  
For God's glory alone in all matters

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy  
Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and  
sickness, happiness and  
sorrow, assurance and  
doubt, as we bring our  
prayers to God, together.  
Holy Scripture commands  
pastors to pray with and for  
God's people, not just in  
corporate worship, but  
privately, as well.

### ***Doxology***

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory.

### **Scripture Lesson**

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon.

### **Sermon**

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2.19-21

## Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## HOME

## Hymn of Response

*We Are God's People*

We are Gods people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
O let us live transparently, and walk  
Heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:  
O let us share each joy and care, and live  
With a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord Is Head,  
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall  
His work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
We die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on  
To give warmth and light and to inspire.

**\*Confession of Faith (in unison)**

*The Apostles' Creed*

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried;**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.

**Confession of Faith**

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" -- universal

# God Commissions Us

\*Closing Greetings

\*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Postlude

Alayne Griffin

## **Benediction**

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.

## SERMON NOTES

### **Mission Statement of CPC**

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors  
by making Christ known in all of life.*

### **Vision Statement of CPC**

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors  
by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ,  
the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.*